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Sir:

In the matter of the above-noted application, and in response to the non-final Office Action mailed November 13, 2003, Applicants request entry of the amendment, reconsideration on the merits, withdrawal of the rejections, and allowance of the claims. This response is accompanied by a petition for a two month extension of time extending the period for reply from February 13, 2004 to April 13, 2004, and by the appropriate fee.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

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